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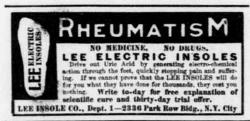
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By CAROLYN WELLS

Some Arithmetic Puzzles

NOW, Uncle Bob," said Fred, "won't "Now square each number, an you give us some more arithmetical tract one square from the other." tricks?"

for what you want. Get your pencils nine, and announced that his answer and pads."

was twenty-five.

"Can we each do it at once?" asked

"You can; but it's more confusing. Suppose you try it together. Choose a miringly. "I like that kind." number, write it down and tell me if it's odd or even."

looked over his shoulder.

divide it by two; but wait," he said. two. There will always be a remainder by two."

sult twenty-nine, though, of course, only Two goes into twenty-five twelve times he and Lucy knew this.

nine, and tell me your quotient-don't one the other." mind any remainder there may be."

"Then your original number was people."
nineteen." "Well, here's one of your sort then,"

number."

This time Lucy wrote twenty-six.

again. Now how many times will nine go into your result, not counting a re- watch as closely as you like. Now, you mainder?"

"Thirteen times."

"Then you chose twenty-six."

"Tell us how.

"Well," said Uncle Bob, "when you by two. After this, in any case, direct will remain tightly shut." to multiply by three again, and then

your mental result and announce it. "Here's another variation of the same and twenty-five."

Fred wrote twelve and thirteen.

"Now square each number, and sub-

So Fred subtracted one hundred and "Certainly, Fred, you've only to ask forty-four from one hundred and sixty-

"Then you chose twelve and thirteen," remarked Uncle Bob.

"That's a neat one," said Fred ad-

"It's an easy one," said his uncle. "After your friend squares two consec-So Fred wrote nineteen, while Lucy utive numbers and tells you the difference between the squares, you have only "Now triple it," said Uncle Bob, "and to divide the number he tells you by "You have an odd number, haven't you? of one, and the quotient will be one of Well, add one to it, and then divide it the numbers you seek, and the quotient plus one the other. For instance, you Fred did as he was told, with the re- told me your answer was twenty-five. and one remainder. So twelve was one "Now multiply by three; divide by of your numbers chosen, and twelve plus

"Those arithmetical ones are clever," "The quotient, not counting the re- said Lucy; "but they dizzy my head. mainder, is nine," said Lucy.

Do show us one of those tricks that fool Do show us one of those tricks that fool

"Well, here's one of your sort then," "That's the sort of game I like," desaid Uncle Bob. "See, I have here a clared Fred. "Show us how to do it, dime and a nickel." He laid them on please, uncle." "Well, try it once more with an even opposite the two children, and pushed back his coat sleeves and cuffs.

"I want you to see that I have nothing "Now triple it, halve it and triple concealed in my sleeves," he went on. ain. Now how many times will nine "This is a fair, genuine trick. You may see, I take the dime in my right hand and the nickel in my left, and close my hands tight-so." Uncle Bob laid his "We surely did!" exclaimed Fred. clenched fists on the table before him, about two feet apart.

"Now," he said, "I purpose to make do this trick, you must always direct those two coins change places, without that the chosen number be multiplied opening my hands or allowing my hands by three. Then, if the chosen number to touch each other. Watch closely, was even, direct next that it be divided and when I say 'Fly!' you will see the by two. But if the chosen number was dime where the nickel now is, and the odd, direct to add one and then divide nickel in the dime's place, yet my hands

The children stared with wide-open to divide by nine. Then ask the answer, eyes. Uncle Bob said: "Fly!" in a stern not counting a remainder. Whatever voice, and then what do you suppose the answer is, double it mentally, and if that man did? Merely crossed his arms the original number chosen was even, one over the other, thus bringing his you will have it. If odd, add one to right hand to the place his left had occupied, and vice versa.

The children could not deny that the trick. Write down two consecutive num- dime was now in the place where the bers, like seven and eight, or twenty-four nickel had been, and the nickel in the dime's place, and they laughed heartily at the sell.

YARD OF SILK

By Nixon Waterman

doing to make you so tired?" wonder- than an occupation designed to fatigue ingly inquired Nobnoddy, who happened one. For the life of me I never could to be spending the noon hour with his understand how women make so much family instead of remaining down town work of it. Really I am moved to susand patronizing a restaurant as was his pect, my dear, that you do not go about usual custom. for you," he continued with a suggestion it might be done. Please do not think of fault-finding in his tone. "I am only me in a fault-finding mood, but I would too happy to pay for services of ser- like sometime to do some shopping for vants, and I wish that being surrounded you, just to show you how men would as you are you might manage to get perform such superficial duties." along with your home affairs without How does it happen, dear?"

apologetically, for she detected the thread need to finish a gown she is making for of displeasure running through his re- me. If I give you a sample of the goods marks and was wondering if it was would it be too much trouble for you to really her fault or her misfortune that she bring a yard of it home with you this usually came home from her shopping evening and save my going after it?" trips almost tired out.

near to suggesting a sneer. "I've always would be for her to do her shopping,

H, I am so tired!" said Mrs. Nob- entertained a more or less clearly defined noddy one day in the lunch hour. impression that shopping would be some-Why, my dear, what have you been thing in the nature of recreation rather "I try to make life easy it so systematically and intelligently as

"It is very kind of you to offer your becoming so fatigued as you seem to be. services," she responded, "and now that I think of it I failed to get a yard of silk "I've been shopping," she answered which my dressmaker informs me I shall

Nobnoddy thought that the occasion 'Shopping?" he repeated with a queer offered a splendid opportunity for him to expression about his mouth that came impress upon his wife's mind how easy it.



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